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WIC TACKS



WIC authorized a new food list dated April 2006 which was distributed to Hawaii WIC vendors. The food list was effective April 1, 2006.

There is a time period established for transition from the old May 2005 food list to the new April 2006 food list. During the transition period from April 1st through June 30th, foods listed on both the May 2005 and April 2006 food lists are authorized.

One exception is for infant formula. Vendors should refer to the type of formula printed on the check and only issue the formula specified. For example, checks that are printed for Enfamil with Iron are for that product only. Checks that are printed for Enfamil with Iron or Enfamil Lipil with Iron allow the participant to purchase either product or a combination of products to equal the quantity listed on the check. Checks for Prosobee infant formula should be redeemed the same way.

There is one new product on the new food list, V-8 vegetable juice in a 46-fluid ounce plastic bottle in either Original or Low Sodium. WIC participants that have juice printed on their check may select V-8 effective April 1, 2006.

Stock levels remain the same for formula and juice.

Once the interim transition period has ended on June 30, 2006 the vendors and WIC participants will refer to the April 2006 food list only to determine Hawaii WIC authorized foods.

We apologize for not clearly communicating these changes with WIC vendors and for any inconvenience this may have caused. The WIC Vendor Unit staff are available to assist you. Please call 586-4756 or 1-888-820-6425 (toll free for Neighbor Islands), should you have any questions or problems related to eligible foods.